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Tandy 2m HT: Opinions Please

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vannoss@ipssmail.sch.ge.com (Scott A. Van Nostrand) writes:

> I'm looking to buy that 2m unit from Radio Shack; any experiences or
> opinions from users? I'm on a tight budget, so I thought that might be a
> good starter unit.

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> Thanks.

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> Scott

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The HTX202 is a pretty darned good radio for the money, Scott. The
receiver is tight and sensitive, moreso than most of the other HTs that
hear from DC-to-daylight. The 202 was made so that it will not be
modifyable to hear out-of-band signals, intentionally or (hopefully)
accidentally. That means that though you can't make it hear your local
taxicabs on purpose, it shouldn't pick 'em up as images, either.

Battery packs are available - it uses the Icom-style battery packs that were on the larger IC-X and IC-0X radios (i.e. IC-02AT). The charger for those size batteries is available, too, from most battery vendors, or you can probably pick up a used Icom charger easily enough at your local swap meet.

I bought one right after they first became available, here, and haven't been sorry - I normally don't use 2m every day, but it gets lugged around with me just in case.. it's been dropped, run over by a bike, rained on, and yelled at (well, we do have some very irritating people on 2m around here! <grin>), and it just keeps on playing.

All in all, my opinion is that it's a very good buy for someone who doesn't need a dual-bander, or who does not need out-of-band operation (like for MARS or CAP), or who wants to listen to the cops (it can't be modified to receive out of band - I'm emphasizing that because that seems to be the one thing people get miffed about - buying it expecting that a mod is available, and then finding out that it's not.).

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